



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8643
Akira FUKUNAGA et al. : Docket No. 2001-1767A
Serial No. 09/994,755 : Group Art Unit 1723
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PLATING APPARATUS AND METHOD
OF MANAGING PLATING LIQUID
COMPOSITION

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Kindly replace the original specification with the attached substitute specification.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method of managing a plating liquid composition, comprising:
sampling a plating liquid in a plating bath;
separating and quantifying an additive in the sampled plating liquid using liquid
chromatography by detecting the intensity of light scattered by an unevaporated solute remaining
after the sampled plating liquid has been evaporated through spraying;